(e) and (f) The work of Bharuch-Samni-Dahej is targeted for completion within two years after formation of SPV.

Projects under REGP

2369. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects progressing under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the various States, district-wise;

(b) the amount of funds allocated and spent during each of the last three years; and

(c) the number of people benefitted through these schemes since April 1st, 1995, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) 2,09,705 projects have been established under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) up to 31.03.2005 since its commencement in April, 1995. State/Union Territory-wise details of projects set up are given in the Statement (*See* below). Being voluminous, the data for each District is not maintained centrally in the Ministry.

(b) Details of Margin Money (MM) assistance provided by the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for setting up village industry projects under REGP during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as follow:

Sl. No.	Year	MM assistance (Rs. lakh)
1.	2002-03	19,371.26
2.	2003-04	26,574.46
3.	2004-05	29,329.95

(c) District-wise information is not maintained centrally.

Statement

State/Union Territory-wise details of projects established under REGP since its commencement from 01 April, 1995 and up to 31.03.2005

Sl.No.	States/Union Territories	Projects set up (number)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14858
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	422
3.	Assam	3865
4.	Bihar	1100
5.	Goa	2439
6.	Gujarat	1474
7.	Haryana	6249
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2374
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	7556
10.	Karnataka	14093
11.	Kerala	9341
12.	Madhya Pradesh	19884
13.	Maharashtra	21684
14.	Manipur	840
15.	Meghalaya	3293
16.	Mizoram	1070
17.	Nagaland	4941
18.	Orissa	4157
19.	Punjab	10467
20.	Rajasthan	27434
21.	Sikkim	286
22.	Tamil Nadu	6741

Sl.No.	States/Union Territories	Projects set up (number)
23.	Tripura	666
24.	Uttar Pradesh	17725
25.	West Bengal	19807
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	422
27.	Chandigarh	156
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	15
29.	Delhi	228
30.	Lakshadweep	10
31.	Pondicherry	956
32.	Chhattisgarh	1787
33.	Jharkhand	1058
34.	Uttaranchal	2307
	TOTAL:	209705

Decline in number of passengers travelling in higher classes

†2370. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of passengers travelling in upper classes in the railway has declined as a result of competetion from cheaper air travel; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to make travel by train more convenient and comfortable to face such competetion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.